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Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussion. Whenever possible, note page numbers where you can find evidence to support your answers for each.

Check your understanding:

1. How does Lafayette react to what Ty'ree had told him in the last chapter?
2. Why did Ty'ree withhold the information so long from his brothers?
3. Why weren't Charlie or Lafayette at Central Park that day with Daddy and Ty'ree? Do you think the outcome of events could have been different if either of them were there? Explain.
4. What does it mean when one "has a monkey on his/her back"? (***See definition of "Idiom" on the backside of this paper***)
5. What are the "monkeys" on each brother's back? (pg.80-81)
Ty'ree-
Charlie-
Lafayette-
6. Explain your interpretation of the last paragraph on page 79. Use specific support from the text.
7. On page 80, Lafayette seems to have "hit the nail on the head" (**idiom**) about the root cause of Newcharlie's apparent anger and resentment. (Resentment is the experience of a negative emotion [anger or hatred, for instance] felt as a result of a real or imagined wrong done.) What does Lafayette seem to think is this cause?
8. Lafayette mentions in this chapter that he was sent to see Dr. Vernon. Who's Dr. Vernon? Why do you think Lafayette may have been sent there?



Writing Style Scavenger Hunt:

An **idiom** is a phrase where the specific words themselves have little meaning that makes sense, but they are used commonly enough by a society that they've taken on a new meaning or understanding.

Note that question #1 for Chapter 9 S.G. ("set the stage") and questions #5 ("monkey on his back") and #7 ("hit the nail on the head") all contain idioms. Did you understand their intended meanings?

9. Think of at least one well-known **idiom** you're familiar with, and explain its meaning:

10. **Think Critically:** Compare Ty'ree's desire to save the dog in the park to Charlie's desire to save the stray dog. How did each event turn out? Support your answer.

11. **Reflect:** In your opinion, which brother is carrying the worst burden? Why? Compare their situations to one another. Explain using specific details from the text.

12. **Predict:** Will Newcharlie change back to the old Charlie he was before he went to Rahway?

Writing Style Scavenger Hunt:

13. **Simile** (there are 3 on pg. 79) _____

14. p79 and/or p80 **Hyperbole**- _____

15. p82 **Personification**- _____